CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



OF BUTTONWILLOW REST AREA DURING INTERSTATE 5 PROJECT

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the temporary closure of the Southbound Interstate 5, Buttonwillow Safety Roadside Rest Area located just north of the State Route 58 interchange in Kern County.

The temporary closure of the southbound Interstate 5 Buttonwillow facility of the safety roadside rest area will begin on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and is anticipated to last approximately 2 months while construction crews work on Interstate 5. The northbound Interstate 5 Buttonwillow facility will remain open.

Caltrans in cooperation with Griffith Construction is currently conducting a complete pavement re-construction of Interstate 5 in Kern County near Bakersfield from just south of the Buena Vista Canal Road overcrossing to two miles south of 7th Standard Road. This project is anticipated to last until December 2011.

During construction, lane closures will be necessary during daytime and nighttime hours. Commuters will experience delays and are encouraged to take alternate routes whenever possible.

Caltrans would like to thank the motoring public for their patience during this construction project. Motorists are reminded to drive with extra care while traveling through construction areas and please **Slow for the Cone Zone**.

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